26 February 1981

H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Abdel Chafi El Labban
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Dear Ambassador,

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 February and for the report on Human Rights 1980.

I was very pleased to see a copy of your letter to the President of Turkey about the political detainees. The Islamic Council of Europe has also been very active on this subject: I have written twice to General Evren and have also contacted all the leading human rights' organisations, both in Europe and the United States. We are likewise in frequent touch with members of the British Parliament.

I am taking this opportunity to enclose a copy of our latest letter concerning Dr Erbakan and his colleagues, which is being sent today to various human rights' organisations, for example, Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists, etc., and to Members of Parliament at Westminster. I hope that the outcome will be favourable.

The Islamic Council of Europe will be very happy to cooperate in any way with the Society of Human Rights Supporters and I should be grateful if you will keep us in touch with your activities.

We plan to announce, at an international conference in May 1981, a Declaration of Human rights in Islam, which has been prepared by eminent Muslim scholars, thinkers, statesmen and leaders of Islamic movements. I shall send you a copy of this document as soon as it is ready.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam
Secretary General

Please give my salaams to Mr Muhammad Fawzi.

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Society of Human Rights Supporters

Cairo, February 2, 1981.

Excellency, General Kenan Evren, Ankara-Turkey

The Society of Human Rights Supporters, Cairo - Egypt, appeals to your Excellency to put to trial as soon as possible the political detainees.

A public trial before the Turkish courts, whose neutrality and integrity are beyond doubt, will afford these detainees full opportunity to defend themselves openly before the eyes and ears of the whole world and, on the other hand, will spare Turkey undue criticism and tally with the history of your great nation as well as with the noble cause for which you and your distinguished colleagues have accomplished your peaceful and bloodless action.

May God the Almighty bless your efforts for the good and happiness of Turkey and the Moslem world in an atmosphere of peace, stability and prosperity for all nations.

Respectfully yours,

Ambassador Moh. Abdel Chafi
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